

OPINION

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Regarding: Conducting a competition for the occupation of an academic position "Associate Professor" in the Higher Education Region 7. "Health and Sports", Professional Direction 7.1. "Medicine", Scientific specialty "General Surgery" for the needs of the Clinic for Liver, Biliary, Pancreatic and General Surgery, "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" JSC, announced in the State Gazette no. 98/24.11.2023

By order No. 15-05-09#3/30.01.2024 of the Executive Director and Procurator of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD and on the basis of the current legal framework in the country (Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regulations for the implementation of the Law on the Development of the Scientific Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" and Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda"), as well as on the basis by Decision of the Scientific Council (protocol No. 49/01.11.2023) I have been appointed as an internal member of the Scientific Jury for the above-mentioned competition for employment at academic position "Associate Professor".

Only one candidate submitted documents for participation in the competition - Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD.

The applicant's documents have been reviewed by a committee that has determined that they meet the conditions, resp. Dr. Rusenov was admitted to participate in the competition.

At the first absent meeting of the scientific jury and on the basis of Article 56 (Section III) of the "Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the "ASK UMBAL Tokuda", I was appointed to prepare an opinion.

I received a complete set of documents in electronic and paper format by the established official route and on time.

The procedure for conducting the competition up to now and the deadlines, the materials provided to me by the candidate Dr. Rusenov, PhD, as well as the opinion prepared by me are fully in accordance with the requirements of the above-mentioned regulatory framework.

Dr. Dimitar Rusenov graduated from the MF, MU - Sofia in 2000. In the period 2002-2008, he worked as a resident and assistant at the Clinic for General and Hepato-Pancreatic Surgery, UMBAL "Alexandrovska". He acquired a specialty in surgery in 2007. From 2008 to the present, he has been part of the team of the Clinic for Liver, Biliary, Pancreatic and General Surgery, "ASK UMBAL Tokuda". In 2020, he defended a dissertation for the acquisition of the "PhD" on the topic: "Anatomical and atypical liver resections - results and comparative analyses". In the same year, after a successful presentation at a competition, he was awarded the title of "Chief Assistant". Since 2021, Dr. Rusenov has a master's degree in Health Management.

Dr. Rusenov's scientific output includes a total of 45 written scientific papers, which can be divided as follows:

- (1.) Dissertation – 1;
- (2.) Independent monograph -1;
- (3.) Publications in Bulgarian scientific publications - a total of 33, in which the candidate was the first and third and subsequent author, respectively at 18 and 15;
- (4.) Publications in foreign scientific publications – 10, in all of which the candidate is the first author.
- (5.) Participation with reports in 12 congresses, conferences and symposiums - 1 abroad and 11 in Bulgaria, of which 6 scientific forums have international participation.

According to a reference from the Central Bureau of Investigation to the MU – Sofia, 29 citations were found in Bulgarian sources. A total of 9 citations in foreign journals were searched in the Scopus, Web of Knowledge and Google Scholar databases. Thus, the total number of open citations of the candidate's scientific works amounts to 38.

The scientific studies of Dr. Dimitar Rusenov, PhD, are in various areas of abdominal surgery, and the contributions from his research are mainly of a scientific-applied and confirmatory nature and can be grouped in the following areas: liver resection surgery for benign and malignant diseases, rare localizations of echinococcal disease, gastric surgery, colorectal surgery and others.

The candidate has an active educational and teaching activity. In the period 2006 - 2010, he was an assistant at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, MF, MU-Sofia.

A reference from the SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" certifies a total academic workload for the period 2019-2023 of a total of 323 hours of classroom and 240 hours of non-auditory (realized with intern-doctors) employment. For the same period, a report issued by ASK UMBAL Tokuda proves a study load with specialists and in continuing education of a total of 932 equivalent hours.

he candidate in the current competition has submitted and signed a declaration certifying that the results and contributions in his scientific production are original, not plagiarized, and that all the documentation provided corresponds to the objective truth.

The references for compliance of the scientometric indicators with the minimum national criteria for filling JSC "Associate Professor" show that Dr. Dimitar Rusenov, MD has a total of 1277 points, which many times exceeds the set requirements for filling the position.

Conclusion

I believe that Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD, possesses high qualities as a doctor, scientist and teacher, which allow him to occupy the academic positions "Associate Professor". This is also confirmed by the fact that the candidate meets the minimum national criteria for holding this position. This gives me reason to recommend to the members of the honorable scientific jury to award academic positions "Associate Professor" to Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD, for which I am convinced to vote "Yes".

Prepared the opinion:

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